

I am grateful to acknowledge the chairman of the Government Reform Committee, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS); and his staff, Melissa Wojciak and Michael Layman; and the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN); and his staff, Tanya Shand and Zahava Goldman; the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY); the minority leader, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI); and 56 Democrats and Republicans, with cosponsors from 23 States.

We have to understand that today, as was pointed out by the gentleman from Nevada, not only do we have the celebration of the culmination of the reading that lasts for 7 years, but immediately we begin to study the very next page starting the cycle again. This sense of renewal is something that brings the Jewish community together. It is a sense of renewal of our spirit, a sense of renewal of our values, and also it is hopefully the time that we renew our commitment to the next generation; that next year Daf Yomi will be even larger and more populated; we will need more stadia, more office buildings, and even more places to join in the celebration.

This is, of course, a tribute to not only Rav Shapiro, who, as was mentioned, at the first World Jewish Congress at the Agudath Israel in Vienna began this program; but it is frankly a tribute to the Agudath Israel movement throughout the world today.

We join in extending congratulations to all of the participants in this program. We join in acknowledging the work of the Agudath Israel of America in particular, and we join in wishing them all good luck, 120,000 students and teachers all across North America in over 40 United States cities. We in the United States Congress join and offer them congratulations, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to close for our side.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join with my colleagues, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER), the gentleman from New York (Mr. WEINER), and the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), in support of House Resolution 124, honoring Jewish students and teachers on their 7-year completion of the 11th cycle of the daily study of the Talmud.

Mr. Speaker, the Talmud is considered to be an authoritative record of rabbinic discussions on Jewish law, ethics, customs, legends, and stories. The Talmud is comprised of two components, the Mishnah and the Gemara. It expands on earlier writings in the Torah and it is the basis for all later codes of Jewish law and much of rabbinic literature.

Today, we celebrate the conclusion of the 11th cycle of the Daf Yomi, a Jew-

ish tradition that began over 80 years ago. Daf Yomi was created by Polish Rabbi Meir Shapiro in 1923. He wanted to create a way for Jews across the world to unite and study and pray. Daf Yomi does just that, and it also helps Jewish people to reconnect with their faith and to make it part of their daily lives. In order to complete the Daf Yomi, a person must study the Talmud each and every day for 7 years.

Mr. Speaker, I think that everyone, regardless of their faith and beliefs, can appreciate and respect the profound commitment people must make in order to complete such an impressive task. To celebrate this accomplishment, countless people around the world are expected to gather together and to study in unison in the same manner that those we honor today gathered to study.

In the United States alone, thousands of people are expected to celebrate the occasion. I think that the participants and teachers alike deserve a rousing applause from this body for their shared sense of purpose.

I stand in strong support of this resolution and again want to congratulate each and every person who will participate and all of those for whom it will have meaning.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to strongly urge all my colleagues to support the adoption of H. Res. 124.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to show my strong support for the resolution and to congratulate the members of the Jewish community for completion of their 7-year study of the Talmud. I would like to thank Representatives ANTHONY WEINER and JERROLD NADLER for introducing this bill and I would also like to thank the majority and minority leadership for bringing it to the floor in such a timely manner and on the appropriate day.

Today marks the completion of 7 years of dedication, study, and communal learning. First introduced in 1927 at Agudath Israel's first international Congress in Vienna by Polish Rabbi Meir Shapiro "to enhance the sense of unity of Jews worldwide," this practice has become widespread among Jews around the world. It is estimated that in North America alone 120,000 members of the Jewish community will celebrate completion of their 7-year study on this day.

These individuals have demonstrated great determination, both spiritual and physical, in completing this task and they must be honored for such action. According to Daf Hayomi study program each individual will read one page of the 2,711 page Talmud a day. In completing this task they have demonstrated great perseverance and will.

The Talmud is a collection of Jewish laws, ethics, and stories that have been read for over 1500 years. The Completion of the 7-year study cycle demonstrates the commitment of the Jewish community to remain true to their history and origin and remain steadfast

in their beliefs. For this they truly deserve recognition of their work.

The effects of this communal act of study and learning serves to spiritually unify the Jewish community spread throughout the world and rekindle their sense of union. On this day Jews from around the world will unite in celebration at the completion of this daunting task. The 26,000 that are estimated to celebrate in Madison Square Garden is a testament to the unifying power of the Daf Hayomi study program.

This resolution expresses our veneration of this monumental achievement in study, dedication, perseverance, and persistence. Contemporary society and people of all creeds can appreciate it as a testament to the value of learning. I, once again, would like to thank the distinguished members for introducing this important resolution and voice my strong support.

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 124.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 5, by the yeas and nays.

House Concurrent Resolution 63, by the yeas and nays.

ACCEPTANCE OF STATUE OF SARAH WINNEMUCCA FOR NATIONAL STATUARY HALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the

concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 5, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 5, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 40]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Conaway	Goodlatte
Ackerman	Conyers	Gordon
Aderholt	Cooper	Granger
Akin	Costa	Graves
Alexander	Costello	Green (WI)
Allen	Cox	Green, Al
Andrews	Cramer	Green, Gene
Baca	Crenshaw	Grijalva
Bachus	Crowley	Gutknecht
Baird	Cubin	Hall
Baker	Cuellar	Harman
Baldwin	Culberson	Hart
Barrett (SC)	Cummings	Hastings (FL)
Barrow	Cunningham	Hastings (WA)
Bartlett (MD)	Davis (AL)	Hayes
Barton (TX)	Davis (CA)	Hayworth
Bass	Davis (FL)	Hefley
Bean	Davis (IL)	Hensarling
Beauprez	Davis (KY)	Herger
Becerra	Davis (TN)	Herseth
Berkley	Davis, Jo Ann	Higgins
Berman	Davis, Tom	Hinche
Berry	Deal (GA)	Hinojosa
Biggert	DeFazio	Hobson
Bilirakis	DeGette	Hoekstra
Bishop (GA)	Delahunt	Holden
Bishop (NY)	DeLauro	Holt
Bishop (UT)	DeLay	Honda
Blackburn	Dent	Hooley
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hostettler
Blunt	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hoyer
Boehlert	Dicks	Hulshof
Boehner	Dingell	Hunter
Bonilla	Doggett	Hyde
Bonner	Doolittle	Inglis (SC)
Bono	Doyle	Inslee
Boozman	Drake	Israel
Boren	Dreier	Issa
Boswell	Duncan	Jackson (IL)
Boucher	Edwards	Jackson-Lee
Boustany	Ehlers	(TX)
Boyd	Emanuel	Jefferson
Bradley (NH)	Emerson	Jenkins
Brady (PA)	Engel	Jindal
Brady (TX)	English (PA)	Johnson (CT)
Brown (OH)	Eshoo	Johnson (IL)
Brown (SC)	Etheridge	Johnson, E. B.
Brown-Waite,		Johnson, Sam
Ginny	Everett	Jones (NC)
Burgess	Farr	Jones (OH)
Burton (IN)	Fattah	Kanjorski
Butterfield	Feeney	Kaptur
Buyer	Ferguson	Keller
Calvert	Filner	Kelly
Camp	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kennedy (MN)
Cannon	Flake	Kennedy (RI)
Cantor	Foley	Kildee
Capito	Forbes	Kilpatrick (MI)
Capps	Ford	Kind
Capuano	Fortenberry	King (IA)
Cardin	Fossella	King (NY)
Cardoza	Fox	Kirk
Carnahan	Frank (MA)	Kline
Carter	Franks (AZ)	Knollenberg
Case	Frelinghuysen	Kolbe
Castle	Gallely	Kucinich
Chabot	Garrett (NJ)	Kuhl (NY)
Chandler	Gerlach	LaHood
Chocola	Gibbons	Langevin
Clay	Gilchrest	Lantos
Cleaver	Gingrey	Larsen (WA)
Clyburn	Gohmert	Larson (CT)
Coble	Gonzalez	Latham
Cole (OK)	Goode	LaTourette

Leach	Ortiz	Shaw
Lee	Osborne	Shays
Levin	Otter	Sherman
Lewis (CA)	Owens	Sherwood
Lewis (GA)	Oxley	Shimkus
Lewis (KY)	Pallone	Shuster
Linder	Pascarell	Simmons
Lipinski	Pastor	Simpson
LoBiondo	Paul	Skelton
Lofgren, Zoe	Payne	Slaughter
Lowe	Pearce	Smith (NJ)
Lucas	Pelosi	Smith (TX)
Lungren, Daniel	Pence	Smith (WA)
E.	Peterson (MN)	Snyder
Lynch	Petri	Sodrel
Mack	Pickering	Solis
Maloney	Pitts	Souder
Manzullo	Platts	Spratt
Marchant	Poe	Stearns
Markey	Pombo	Strickland
Marshall	Pomeroy	Stupak
Matheson	Porter	Sullivan
McCarthy	Portman	Sweeney
McCaul (TX)	Price (GA)	Tancred
McCollum (MN)	Price (NC)	Tanner
McCotter	Pryce (OH)	Tauscher
McCrery	Putnam	Taylor (MS)
McDermott	Radanovich	Taylor (NC)
McGovern	Rahall	Terry
McHenry	Ramstad	Thomas
McHugh	Rangel	Thompson (CA)
McIntyre	Regula	Thompson (MS)
McKeon	Rehberg	Thornberry
McKinney	Reichert	Tiahrt
McMorris	Renzi	Tiberi
McNulty	Reyes	Tierney
Meehan	Reynolds	Towns
Meek (FL)	Rogers (AL)	Turner
Melancon	Rogers (KY)	Udall (CO)
Menendez	Rogers (MI)	Udall (NM)
Mica	Rohrabacher	Upton
Michaud	Ros-Lehtinen	Van Hollen
Miller (FL)	Ross	Velázquez
Miller (MI)	Rothman	Visclosky
Miller (NC)	Roybal-Allard	Walden (OR)
Miller, Gary	Royce	Walsh
Miller, George	Ruppersberger	Wamp
Mollohan	Ryan (OH)	Wasserman
Moore (KS)	Ryan (WI)	Schultz
Moore (WI)	Ryun (KS)	Waters
Moran (KS)	Sabo	Waxman
Moran (VA)	Salazar	Weiner
Murphy	Sánchez, Linda	Weldon (FL)
Murtha	T.	Weldon (PA)
Musgrave	Sanchez, Loretta	Weller
Myrick	Sanders	Westmoreland
Nadler	Saxton	Wexler
Neal (MA)	Schakowsky	Whitfield
Neugebauer	Schiff	Wicker
Ney	Schwartz (PA)	Wilson (NM)
Northup	Schwarz (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Norwood	Scott (GA)	Wolf
Nunes	Scott (VA)	Woolsey
Nussle	Sensenbrenner	Wu
Oberstar	Serrano	Wynn
Obey	Sessions	Young (AK)
Oliver	Shadegg	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—15

Brown, Corrine	Kingston	Rush
Carson	Meeks (NY)	Stark
Gillmor	Millender-	Watson
Gutierrez	McDonald	Watt
Harris	Napolitano	
Istook	Peterson (PA)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) (during the vote). Members are advised two minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1854

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.” So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL FOR COMMEMORATION OF DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF HOLOCAUST CEREMONY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 63.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 63, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 41]

YEAS—416

Abercrombie	Cardin	Etheridge
Ackerman	Cardoza	Evans
Aderholt	Carnahan	Everett
Akin	Carter	Farr
Alexander	Case	Fattah
Allen	Castle	Feeney
Andrews	Chabot	Ferguson
Baca	Chandler	Filner
Bachus	Chocola	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Baird	Clay	Flake
Baker	Cleaver	Foley
Baldwin	Clyburn	Forbes
Barrett (SC)	Coble	Ford
Barrow	Cole (OK)	Fortenberry
Bartlett (MD)	Conaway	Fossella
Barton (TX)	Conyers	Fox
Bass	Cooper	Frank (MA)
Bean	Costa	Franks (AZ)
Beauprez	Costello	Frelinghuysen
Becerra	Cox	Gallely
Berkley	Cramer	Garrett (NJ)
Berman	Crenshaw	Gerlach
Berry	Crowley	Gibbons
Biggert	Cubin	Gilchrest
Bilirakis	Cuellar	Gingrey
Bishop (GA)	Culberson	Gohmert
Bishop (NY)	Cummings	Gonzalez
Bishop (UT)	Cunningham	Goode
Blackburn	Davis (AL)	Goodlatte
Blumenauer	Davis (CA)	Gordon
Blunt	Davis (FL)	Granger
Boehlert	Davis (IL)	Graves
Boehner	Davis (KY)	Green (WI)
Bonilla	Davis (TN)	Green, Al
Bonner	Davis, Jo Ann	Green, Gene
Bono	Davis, Tom	Grijalva
Boozman	Deal (GA)	Gutknecht
Boren	DeFazio	Hall
Boswell	DeGette	Harman
Boucher	Delahunt	Hart
Boustany	DeLauro	Hastings (FL)
Boyd	DeLay	Hastings (WA)
Bradley (NH)	Dent	Hayes
Brady (PA)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hayworth
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hefley
Brown (OH)	Dicks	Hensarling
Brown (SC)	Dingell	Herger
Brown-Waite,	Doggett	Herseth
Ginny	Doolittle	Higgins
Burgess	Doyle	Hinche
Burton (IN)	Drake	Hinojosa
Butterfield	Dreier	Hobson
Buyer	Duncan	Hoekstra
Calvert	Edwards	Holden
Camp	Ehlers	Holt
Cannon	Emanuel	Honda
Cantor	Emerson	Hooley
Capito	Engel	Hostettler
Capps	English (PA)	Hoyer
Capuano	Eshoo	Hulshof